

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al. ) : Examiner: Diana B. Johannsen  
Application No.: 10/810,550 ) : Group Art Unit: 1634  
Filed: March 29, 2004 ) : Confirmation No.: 1679  
For: INFECTIOUS ETIOLOGIC )  
AGENT DETECTION PROBE :  
AND PROBE SET, CARRIER, )  
AND GENETIC SCREENING :  
METHOD ) June 28, 2010 (Monday)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated May 26, 2010, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the combination of SEQ ID Nos 1 and 2. Claims 4 to 7 and 51 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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